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We trust that readers are intelligent enough to realize that all text
herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: 19 Jun 1994 23:27:27 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!gatech!asuvax!chnews!
cmoore@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: "73's"
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Romulus (dbatten@sun1.sun1.iusb.indiana.edu) wrote:
: Dave Bushong (dbushong@wang.com) wrote:

: : Since the term "73's" came from CB... Dave, KZ10

: Language and lingo/jargon are particular to groups... Darin, N9RAJ

Hi Darin, I think what Dave doesn't realize is that CBer's got
a lot of their funky talk from the hams. I worked 11m before there was
a CB band there and I said "73's" way back then in the '50's.

No matter how old and wise one is, there is always someone older and wiser.
So remember whatever one sews, that shall he also rip. :-)

73, KG7BK, 00TC, CecilMoore@delphi.com

Date: 19 Jun 1994 18:49:02 -0400
From: newstf01.cr1.aol.com!search01.news.aol.com!not-for-mail@uunet.uu.net
Subject: AEA IsoLoop - Opinions/Experiences
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <1994Jun17.135403.4145@seastar.seastar.org>,
jjw@seastar.seastar.org (John Welch) writes:

>It worked better than a wet noodle, but not by much.

I don't share your experience with the IsoLoop. I've had mine up for
2 years (8' above the top of the chimney of the house), and with it
have 230 countries confirmed, won awards in both ARRL DX and CQ WW DX
contests, and have all zones but 34 confirmed. It is also _much_
quieter than the sloper I have that is fed at the base of the
IsoLoop.

While I'd much prefer a yagi, until I can change the XYL zoning laws
here, the IsoLoop is doing just fine.

Danny Goodman AE9F/6

Date: 19 Jun 94 22:43:18 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: ANS-168 BULLETINS
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

SB SAT @ AMSAT \$ANS-168.01
1994 AMSAT FD COMPETITION

HR AMSAT NEWS SERVICE BULLETIN 168.01 FROM AMSAT HQ
SILVER SPRING, MD JUNE 18, 1994
TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT
BID: \$ANS-168.01

1994 AMSAT Field Day Competition Announcement

Field Day is once again just around the corner on June 25th and 26th, and

we are proud to announce the 1994 AMSAT Field Day competition. Last year's effort was very successful and we will be using the same special rules. The AMSAT competition is to encourage the use of all amateur satellites, including the digital satellites.

Here are the rules for the 1994 AMSAT Field Day competition.

1. ANALOG TRANSPONDERS

Each satellite is considered a separate band. All phone QSO's and all CW QSO's on a given satellite are considered separate bands. All packet/RTTY /ASCII/AMTOR QSO's are counted as CW QSO's. Phone QSO's count for one point and CW QSO's count for two points. Cross-mode contacts are not allowed. The use of more than one transmitter at the same time in a single band is prohibited.

2. DIGITAL TRANSPONDERS

Each satellite is considered a separate band. The following uploads/downloads each count as a CW contact (two points):

- (a) Upload of a Satellite Field Day Greetings file.
- (b) Download of Satellite Field Day Greetings files posted by other stations.

Satellite digipeat QSO's do not count for any score. The use of gateway stations to uplink/downlink is not allowed.

SAMPLE SATELLITE FIELD DAY GREETINGS FILE:

"Greetings from WA5ZIB Field Day Satellite station near Galveston, Texas with 24 participating members. All the best and 73!"

3. OPERATING CLASS

Stations supplied only with emergency power are in a separate operating class from those that utilize commercial power.

The Satellite Summary Sheet shown below should be used for submittal of the AMSAT Field Day competition results to Andy MacAllister WA5ZIB, Vice President User Services, 14714 Knights Way Drive, Houston, TX 77083-5640. Deadline for submissions is August 1, 1994.

Competition was tough in 1993 and should be even tougher in 1994. We hope this competition provides satellite operators with the practice necessary to be able to set up a ground station and effectively operate the satellites in an emergency situation. Remember that Field Day also provides a good opportunity to give some newcomers a chance at operating

the satellites. Most of all, it should be a lot of fun for all who participate.

GOOD LUCK ON FD!

Satellite Summary Sheet - 1994

Satellite

CW

Phone

	x 2	x 1
Totals		

Your Field Day Callsign_____

Field Day Classification_____

Power Source(s)_____

Your name and home call_____

Home address_____

Comments_____

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AMSAT-NA BOD ANNOUNCEMENT

HR AMSAT NEWS SERVICE BULLETIN 168.02 FROM AMSAT HQ
SILVER SPRING, MD JUNE 18, 1994
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AMSAT Board of Directors Nominations Announced

Martha Saragovitz, AMSAT's Corporate Secretary announced June 16, that six duly executed nominations for the organization's Board of Directors have been received at AMSAT Headquarters by the June 15th deadline mandated in the Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation Bylaws.

Ms. Saragovitz listed the nominees as: Keith Baker KB1SF, Tom Clark W3IWI, John Hansen WA0PTV, Andy McAllister WA5ZIB, Lou McFadin W5DID and Bob Myers W1XT.

The Corporation's Bylaws require that ballots for the Board election be mailed to all current members by July 15. To be counted, the properly marked ballots must be received at Headquarters by September 15. The three persons receiving the most votes will be declared elected to the Board for a two year period. The two receiving the next largest number will become Alternate Board members until next year's Board is seated at its fall 1995 meeting.

The current Board members who's terms expire this year are: Tom Clark W3IWI, Joe Kasser G3ZCZ and Andy McAllister WA5ZIB. Four other Board members were elected in 1993 and are scheduled to serve until next year. They are: Junior deCastro PY2BJO, Dick Daniels W4PUJ, Bob Diersing N5AHD and Bill Tynan W3XO.

The current Alternate Board member is Joe Holman KA7LDN.

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WEEKLY OSCAR STATUS REPORTS

HR AMSAT NEWS SERVICE BULLETIN 168.03 FROM AMSAT HQ
SILVER SPRING, MD JUNE 18, 1994
TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT
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Weekly OSCAR Status Reports: 18-JUN-94

A0-13: Current Transponder Operating Schedule:

L QST *** A0-13 TRANSPONDER SCHEDULE *** 1994 May 07-Jul 11

Mode-B : MA 0 to MA 170 |

Mode-BS : MA 170 to MA 218 |

Mode-S : MA 218 to MA 220 |<- S beacon only

Mode-S : MA 220 to MA 230 |<- S transponder; B trsp. is OFF

Mode-BS : MA 230 to MA 250 | Alon/Alat 230/-5

Mode-B : MA 250 to MA 256 |

Omnis : MA 250 to MA 120 | Move to attitude 180/0, Jul 11

[G3RUH/DB20S/VK5AGR]

K0-25: WH6I reports that at midweek Kitsat B (K0-25) again seemed to be on a different receive frequency. He notes that the BBS was there, but it was impossible to get any data from it. [WH6I]

L0-19: L0-19 is on the air but only telemetry is being sent and there are are no BBS functions operational. [WH6I]

K0-23: WH6I reports that K0-23 is busy and functioning normally. He notes that the images from last week are now gone. [WH6I]

A0-16: A0-16 is running strong, the only 1200 baud bird in operation at the present time. [WH6I]

The AMSAT NEWS Service (ANS) is looking for volunteers to contribute weekly OSCAR status reports. If you have a favorite OSCAR which you work on a regular basis and would like to contribute to this bulletin, please send your observations to WD0HHU at his CompuServe address of 70524,2272, on INTERNET at wd0hhu@amsat.org, or to his local packet BBS in the Denver, CO area, WD0HHU @ W0LJF.#NECO.CO.USA.NOAM. Also, if you find that the current set of orbital elements are not generating the correct AOS/LOS times at your QTH, PLEASE INCLUDE THAT INFORMATION AS WELL. The information you provide will be of value to all OSCAR enthusiasts.

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Subject: IPS Daily Report - 19 June 94

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

SUBJ: IPS DAILY SOLAR AND GEOPHYSICAL REPORT

ISSUED AT 19/2330Z JUNE 1994 BY IPS RADIO AND SPACE SERVICES

FROM THE REGIONAL WARNING CENTRE (RWC), SYDNEY.

SUMMARY FOR 19 JUNE AND FORECAST UP TO 22 JUNE

No IPS Disturbance Warning is current

1A. SOLAR SUMMARY

Activity: very low

Flares: none.

Observed 10.7 cm flux/Equivalent Sunspot Number : 077/016

1B. SOLAR FORECAST

	20 June	21 June	22 June
Activity	Very low	Very low	Very low
Fadeouts	None expected	None expected	None expected

Forecast 10.7 cm flux/Equivalent Sunspot Number : 075/013

1C. SOLAR COMMENT

None.

2A. MAGNETIC SUMMARY

Geomagnetic field at Learmonth: quiet to unsettled, with active periods 09-15UT.

Estimated Indices : A	K	Observed A Index 18 June
Learmonth	17 3234 4333	
Fredericksburg	17	14
Planetary	24	15

Observed Kp for 18 June: 3443 2322

2B. MAGNETIC FORECAST

DATE	Ap	CONDITIONS
20 Jun	25	Unsettled to active.
21 Jun	25	Unsettled to active.
22 Jun	15	Quiet to unsettled.

2C. MAGNETIC COMMENT

Coronal hole related disturbance expected on 20-21 June.

3A. GLOBAL HF PROPAGATION SUMMARY

	LATITUDE BAND		
DATE	LOW	MIDDLE	HIGH
19 Jun	normal	normal	fair-normal

PCA Event : None.

3B. GLOBAL HF PROPAGATION FORECAST

LATITUDE BAND

DATE	LOW	MIDDLE	HIGH
20 Jun	normal	normal	fair
21 Jun	normal	normal-fair	fair
22 Jun	normal	normal-fair	fair

3C. GLOBAL HF PROPAGATION COMMENT

NONE.

4A. AUSTRALIAN REGION IONOSPHERIC SUMMARY

MUFs at Sydney were near predicted monthly values to 15-20% enhanced.

Observed T index for 19 June: 49

Predicted Monthly T Index for June is 30.

4B. AUSTRALIAN REGION IONOSPHERIC FORECAST

DATE	T-index	MUFs
20 Jun	45	Near predicted monthly values to 15% enhanced.
21 Jun	40	Near predicted monthly values to 15% enhanced.
22 Jun	30	Near predicted monthly values.

4C. AUSTRALIAN REGION COMMENT

Strong Sporadic E observed at times, obscuring the F layer at 04 and 19UT.

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June 20, 1994

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Thanks to the Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society, Northern Ohio DX Association, Ohio/Penn PacketCluster Network, DF4RD, DL7VEE & DXNL, YV5KAJ, KR4AQ, Harris Amateur Radio Club (newsletter), AD1C, NX1L, KJ4VH, N6MZ, K8PYD and VE3UOL for the following DX information.

1Z9A, MYANMAR. This station has been active for many years, but does not count for DXCC credit. 1Z9A was heard on 14201 kHz around 1500z. QSL via AA6BB.

3V, TUNISIA (RUMOR OF THE WEEK). There is a rumor going around stating that 9K2CS may be traveling to 3V-land to operate. The rumor also indicates 9K2CS already has a valid Tunisian license.

9M8, EAST MALAYSIA. Johny, 9M8DB, located in Miri, has been quite active on 20 meters SSB (between 14180 and 14226 kHz). Look for him between 1300 and 1500z.

BS, SCARBOROUGH REEF (HUANGYAN DAO), SOUTH CHINA SEA. The following has been edited and excerpts used from a press release by Tim, KJ4VH:

Scarborough Reef is a coral reef located in the South China Sea with only limited land area above surface at high tide (15.07N, 117.51E). The reef is claimed by The People's Republic of China (PRC), and the DXpedition team feels that it meets the current DXCC criteria of 225 miles of open water from the PRC mainland. No other country disputes the PRC's claim to Scarborough. An application for separate DXCC country status is pending, and it is assumed that it will be taken for a vote after the first successful DXpedition is completed and fully documented.

A multi-national effort has been organized by The Chinese Radio Sport Association (BY1PK) together with JA1BK and OH2BH to activate Scarborough for the first time. The initial operation will be manned by BZ1HAM, DL5VJ, DU10LG, DU1RAA, JF1IST, KJ4VH, OH2BH, OH2MAK and 9V1YW during the weekend of 24-26 June 1994. The special call sign BS7H has been issued for this operation by the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications of the PRC, and landing permission has been granted. Operations will normally be conducted on the following frequencies:

CW: 7005, 14025, 21025, and 28025 kHz

SSB: 7045, 14195, 21295, and 28395 kHz

However, in an effort to minimize impact upon U.S./Canadian Field Day activities, the following alternate frequencies may be used during openings to North America after 1800Z Saturday:

CW: 7001, 10101, 14001, 18069, and 21001 kHz
SSB: 7045, 14140, 18120, and 21190 kHz

QSLs will be managed by W6CF, via his Callbook address. Because of the uncertainties involved, the first operation may be conducted during only very limited hours on 24-26 June, and is subject to reasonable weather and the assumption that the team is successful in entering the lagoon of the reef. The transportation to Scarborough will be by 70-foot Papua New Guinean flag vessel currently involved with oceanographic research work in the Philippines. The vessel is under command of an Australian captain and crew, and is equipped with two zodiacs and out-boards.

JF1IST, coordinator of the historic Okino Torishima (7J1) operations and logistics will accompany this operation to draft all necessary plans for additional safety features and construction that might be needed for a full-scale operation. The planned construction may be built not only for the safety of future Scarborough operations, but also as a base for diving activities at these colorful reef formations.

The operation is supported by NCDXF, INDEXA and CQ Ham Radio Magazine of Japan--two Yaesu FT-990 transceivers will be used with Cushcraft R5 and R7 antennas. BS7H/MM will be QRV en route to Scarborough Reef (14.195 MHz). As is often stated in DX, the DX community should be prepared....

73, The South China Sea DX Team

Editor's Note: A full printout can be read on the BARF-80 BBS online at 216-237-8208 14.4k-300 8/N/1 (Read bulletin number 20).

C9RJJ/C91J (QSL MANAGER CHANGE). Effective May 20, 1994, W8GIO is no longer the QSL Manager for both of these stations. Their new manager and address is William Loeschman - N5FTR, 717 Milton, Angleton, TX 77515. W8GIO is the QSL Manager for C9RDM, C91S and C91W.

ET, ETHIOPIA. A couple of stations were active this past week. ET3YU was heard on 21314 kHz around 1400z (working JAs). QSL to P.O. Box 60349, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Syd, ET3SID, was heard on a 14256 kHz DX net around 1745z. QSL to Syd T. May, POB 60222, Uneca Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

FO0AKI AND FO0MIZ. Nao, NX1L, informed OPDX that Kan, JA1BK, and himself made a total of 5280 QSOs on the Austral Islands and 5000 QSOs on the Marquesas Islands. The Marquesas ended earlier than planned because Kan was feeling ill, so they returned to Tahiti (later Nao went to the Australes alone and operated). A petition for new country consideration is being prepared by Nao and will soon be submitted to the DXAC. QSL FO0AKI via NX1L and FO0MIZ via JA1HGY.

PJ7, ST. MAARTEN. Eckhard, DL1BLK, and Wilfried, DL6BBR will be on the air PJ7/ from June 18 until July 7. They will be operating SSB only and will be active on 14250, 18150, 21250, 24950, 28450 kHz and a little activity on 80 and 40 meters. They will also try to become FS. QSL via

CBA.

ST, SUDAN. A station signing ST2AA was heard operating on 14024 kHz between 2130 and 2345z. No other details are available.

VP8, SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND. Al (WA3YVN), Jan (WA4VQD), and one other operator will be active from Grytviken, South Georgia Island for three weeks in January 1995. The group will leave from the Falkland Islands and be transported to South Georgia by the Research Vessel "The Abel-J". (ed. Now where did we hear that name before!). Their callsign will be announced at a later date. The group plans to have three complete stations with amplifiers, Cushcraft beams for 40-10m, two world class verticals for 160-80-30m. The estimated cost for this DXpedition will be \$50-60,000, including equipment. QSLs will be handled by W4FRU, INDEXA, POB 5127, Suffolk, VA 23435. Donations can be sent to SGI DXpeditions, P.O. Box 2235, Melbourne, FL 32902.

YI, IRAN. Omar, YI10M, was heard working CW on 14025 kHz around 1600z. QSL via F8RZ.

YV0, AVES ISLAND. A fax received by Pasquale, YV5KAJ, informed OPDX that there will be activity from Aves Island to celebrate the 191st anniversary of the Venezuela Navy and the 60th anniversary of the Venezuela Radio Club. The special callsign YW0RCV will be used on all modes (SSB, CW and digital) and all bands (no WARC bands). The operation will take place between the July 21-25th. QSL cards will go to IARU Bureau via YV5AJ (Please, write the DXpedition call on the envelope): Radio Club Venezolano, P.O. Box. 2285, Caracas, 1010-A Venezuela. Special Note: Please note that the Venezuela Postal office's rates have gone up about a month ago and 1 IRC doesn't cover the return postage.

ZD8, ASCENSION ISLAND. GW0FJT plans to be active as ZD80K for six months starting August 1. His activities (bands/modes) were not reported. QSL via N8ABW.

ZL9, CAMPBELL ISLAND. Station signing ZL9RV has been active lately on the low end of 40 meters between 1000 and 1200z.

FAX YOUR DX INFORMATION NOW! Faxing is available Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 0430 to 2330z only. The number is 216-237-8208 and the FAX card is sharing the same phone line as BARF-80 BBS using a data/fax/phone switch.

Excerpts and distribution of The OPDX Bulletin are granted as long as KB8NW/OPDX/BARF80 receive credit. To contribute DX info, call BARF-80 BBS online at 216-237-8208 14400/9600/2400/1200/300 and leave a message with the Sysop or send InterNet Mail to: aq474@cleveland.freenet.edu or send BitNet Mail to: aq474@cleveland.freenet@cunyvms or send PRODIGY Mail to:

DFJH48A or send a message via packet to KB8NW @ WA8BXN.OH.USA.NA

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From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!sol.ctr.columbia.edu!news.unomaha.edu!cwis.unomaha.edu!
pschleck@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Readership Report for the Radio-Related Usenet Newsgroups
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

The following is reprinted from news.lists, with only the radio-related newsgroups (and the first newsgroup for comparison) included.

>From: reid@decwrl.DEC.COM (Brian Reid)
>Newsgroups: news.lists
>Subject: USENET Readership report for May 94
>Date: 17 Jun 1994 21:41:36 -0700
>Organization: DEC Network Systems Laboratory
>Summary: data for all groups
>Keywords: arbitron, statistics, full

This is the full set of data from the USENET readership report for May 94. Explanations of the figures are in a companion posting.

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	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	
1	680000	5687	91%	27	0.3	31%	0.00	11.3%	news.announce.newusers
482	83000	693	76%	1104	2.5	6%	0.03	1.4%	rec.radio.shortwave
496	82000	682	76%	1847	3.9	7%	0.05	1.4%	rec.radio.amateur.misc
663	71000	591	75%	760	0.8	6%	0.01	1.2%	rec.radio.swap
1086	52000	433	73%	391	0.9	6%	0.02	0.9%	rec.radio.amateur.policy
1097	52000	430	50%	380	0.5	15%	0.01	0.9%	alt.radio.scanner

1233	47000	387	72%	251	0.3	8%	0.01	0.8%	rec.radio.cb
1255	46000	382	62%	540	0.7	13%	0.01	0.8%	rec.radio.amateur.equipment
1257	46000	381	73%	118	0.2	21%	0.00	0.8%	rec.radio.noncomm
1313	44000	366	66%	272	0.7	75%	0.02	0.7%	rec.radio.info
1330	43000	360	63%	437	0.9	5%	0.02	0.7%	rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc
1342	43000	358	52%	421	1.0	6%	0.02	0.7%	alt.radio.pirate
1368	42000	352	68%	446	0.9	1%	0.02	0.7%	rec.radio.broadcasting
1371	42000	352	60%	1217	2.0	4%	0.04	0.7%	rec.radio.scanner
1463	39000	326	61%	433	0.7	5%	0.02	0.6%	rec.radio.amateur.antenna
1483	39000	32	61%	140	0.5	8%	0.01	0.6%	rec.radio.amateur.space
1512	38000	313	62%	290	0.4	14%	0.01	0.6%	rec.radio.amateur.homebrew
2240	22000	180	39%	310	0.3	41%	0.01	0.4%	alt.radio.networks.npr
2308	20000	169	30%	18	0.0	29%	0.00	0.3%	rec.ham-radio.swap
2384	19000	157	46%	19	0.0	6%	0.00	0.3%	rec.radio.amateur.packet
2661	14000	116	30%	16	0.0	20%	0.00	0.2%	rec.ham-radio
2670	14000	114	29%	55	0.1	0%	0.00	0.2%	alt.radio.digital
3039	7300	61	18%	63	0.2	8%	0.01	0.1%	aus.radio

Several positive trends continue this month. Readership is up dramatically in all active newsgroups (closely following Usenet's predicted exponential growth patterns). This month, rec.radio.shortwave trades places with rec.radio.amateur.misc as the the number-one rec.radio.* newsgroup. Other newsgroups with extremely strong showings are rec.radio.swap and rec.radio.amateur.policy (meeting their respective goals of keeping for-sale messages and extended legal debate out of the main discussion newsgroup). Currently, rec.radio.amateur.equipment leads the other new rec.radio.amateur newsgroups by a slight margin, although all are roughly at the same order of magnitude. The recently-created rec.radio.scanner is slowly gaining in readership as well, its propagation having surpassed alt.radio.scanner, which it supersedes. Recently, a cancel message was sent out for alt.radio.scanner (which wasn't superseded by a forged rmgroup this time) and appears to have been obeyed at many sites (Although clearly many sites and readers consider it to be an active newsgroup according to its readership statistics, underscoring the point that alt.* newsgroups, even those superseded by valid mainline newsgroups, are very hard to remove, and those proposing new newsgroups should carefully consider the hazards of potentially junking up the newsgroup namespace with trial alt.* groups).

It is expected that the newly-created newsgroups will continue to grow in readership like previously-created newsgroups such as rec.radio.info and settle out at about 60-70% propagation. If these new radio-related newsgroups still haven't reached your site, please ask your news administrator to create them (refer him/her to the new newsgroup announcements by Dave Lawrence in news.announce.newgroups or the messages posted to the new newsgroups piling up in "junk" :-).

Especially point out to him/her that cost/per-reader/per-month is significantly down in all newsgroups.

The defunct newsgroup rec.radio.amateur.packet has been rmgroupped as of September 21st, 1993, and is no longer connected to the PACKET-RADIO mailing list. Netters interested in packet-radio discussion should use rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc and the HAM-DIGITAL mailing list. Propagation and readership continues to drop in the old newsgroup, which is currently in last place among all the rec.radio newsgroups. If this newsgroup still appears at your site, ask your news administrator to rmgroupp it.

Note also that the defunct rec.ham-radio hierarchy reappears this month. If the newsgroups are still active at your site, please try to persuade your news administrators to delete them as these groups have been rendered obsolete (for well over 3 years now) by the rec.radio.amateur hierarchy.

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73, Paul W. Schleck, KD3FU

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Youthnet NEWS 004

6/19/94

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Topics: Field day tips (For the young ham)

Field day tips and hints (for the young ham).

Field day- (my) definition (adjective) it is two days in June where a few or many hams gather and try to connect to other stations across the nation with a separate power supply and station under diverse conditions. If you would like to go to your clubs field day, there might be a few problems for the young ham.

Read on if your parents are not hams. If they are hams and are going, my best of luck to you.

If your parents like others I have encountered who are not hams, they would probably ask what is field day. Ask a fellow ham to help you. My definition for field day is 24 hrs of non-stop

communications, trying to sharpen one's skill in emergency communications under diverse operating conditions. The usual field day setup here in Chicagoland is a tent (or tents), with a station in each, a power generator or two (maybe 8), a few dozen hams, a bed or two, and of course food. Be strait with your parents. Tell them that field day will help you enhance your radio operating skills and resourcefulness, because field day is a time where you are tested on resourcefulness.

Now if your parents approve of you going to field day, but they ask how long it takes, tell the truth. Field day is a two day event. With setup on the Saturday morning, the kickoff at noon, the long run through the night and packing at noon the next day (may differ according to your club, void where prohibited). Your parents might be asking that it might be dangerous out there for you at field day. To tell the truth, it can be dangerous. A solution is to have one of your parents come with you. Another if one of the hams at field day is a family friend ask this person to talk to your parents. It is better to be safe than sorry. I remember the time I went to my first field day. It was cold, I was in a tent, I operated all night and as a summary, it was fun.

Field day is also a great opportunity to get your community involved. Bring your friends along to show amateur radio at its finest (if they don't want to go, tell them there will be food if there will be some, but don't try to force them). This may show what amateur radio is all about.

If this is your first field day, and you have never gone below 50 MHz, you will be in for a big surprise. Imagine a room of 10 people talking to each other (like the character Donald Duck) at the same time. That is what you will hear on every frequency below 50 MHz SSB (might be a bit exaggerated for some area's). Generally, the lower band frequencies are not this crowded. My point is that you will learn how to "filter" out each random call out there on frequency.

This is just a bit of what I have about field day. I hope your field day is a success and may you enjoy it.

Final note:

I would like to thank all for your memo's via the Internet and Packet. If you noticed that Jennie Finch N9SAK's callsign is not on the header of this report, I would like to point out that Jennie Finch has moved to another part of the United States (Rochester, New York to be exact). If you sent a message to Jennie's E-mail address or Packet address, please re-send it to mine. If you have not yet received any response from me, please re-send the message. I would also like to thank the many people across the country who has downloaded these reports onto various phone BBS's themselves.

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